

**Table 13.18-- POVERTY STATUS OF PERSONS: 1969, 1975, AND  
1979 TO 1999**

[Based on Mainland poverty thresholds. Official Hawaii thresholds are approximately 15 percent higher than those in effect on the Mainland; these data accordingly understate the number and percent of persons below the poverty level in Hawaii. Data are based on censuses or surveys made in March or April of the following year, and exclude inmates of institutions, persons in military group quarters and in college dormitories, and unrelated individuals under 15 years (14 years before 1979)]

Year	Number	Percent	Year	Number	Percent
Census:					
1969	68,543	9.3	1987	95,000	8.8
1975	67,000	7.9	1988	117,000	11.1
1979	91,618	9.9	1989	122,000	11.3
1989	88,408	8.3	1990	121,000	11.0
			1991	90,000	7.7
CPS: 1/			1992	129,000	11.0
1980	81,000	8.5	1993	91,000	8.0
1981	108,000	11.3	1994	97,000	8.7
1982	132,000	13.2	1995	122,000	10.3
1983	135,000	13.4	1996	142,000	12.1
1984	92,000	9.3	1997	164,000	13.9
1985	109,000	10.7	1998	131,000	10.9
1986	109,000	10.7	1999	132,000	10.9

1/ Current Population Survey. Based on small samples and subject to considerable sampling variation.

2/ Standard error in 1999 was 1.70 for the poverty rate. For the entire United States in 1999, the poverty rate was 11.8 percent with a standard error of 0.20. Hawaii's poverty rate had a rank of 28 in 1999, where a rank of 1 indicates the highest rate.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *1970 Census of Population*, PC(1)-C13 (December 1971), table 58; *Current Population Reports, Consumer Income*, Series P-60, No. 113 (July 1978), p. 179; *1980 Census of Population*, PC80-1-C13 (June 1983), table 72; *1990 Census of Population*, 1990 CP-2-13 (September 1993), table 29; *Current Population Reports, Consumer Income*, Series P-60, No. 175 (August 1991), pp. 219-221, No. 185 (September 1993), p.1 and App. Table D-1, No. 188 (February 1995), tables C and D, No. 194 (Sept. 1996), tables A and B; Release CB95-185 (October 5, 1995), and No. 194 (September, 1997), p. ix. *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1995* (p. 482), *1996* (p. 474), *1997* (p. 477); *1998* (p. 479); and *1999* (p. 485). For 1998 and 1999: U.S. Census Bureau Historical Poverty Tables-People, Table 19 <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/poverty/histpov/hstpov19.html>> and Table 21 <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/poverty/histpov/hstpov21.html>> accessed June 18, 2001 and tabulations by Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.